



SAINT PAUL'S

Lutheran Church
200 N CEDAR ST
IMLAY CITY, MI 48444

Contemporary service 11 a.m.

June 7, 2026

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Welcome! We are glad you're here! A warm welcome is extended to all!

Our mission:

Responding to God's grace, we go out to bring hope and share the love of Christ.

Prelude songs

Build My Life
Brighter Days

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of the Peace

Graduation Recognition

Nichole Nash
Vivian Gill

Centering Prayer

**Dear Lord, You have called me by my name.
You have carved me in the palm of Your hand.
May I grow in trust and never give in to despair.**

(silence for prayer)

Confession and Forgiveness

Call to Reconciliation

In this place, in this moment, we wonder, "is it true?" God's hopes, God's promises, God's grace - are they really for us? God invites us to bring our questions, as well as our fears and failures, so we might discover the truth for ourselves, as we pray, saying,

When we look for our place cards at the table of honor, do we see you standing at the back of the room with the servers? When we walk around the homeless on the way to the ballgame, do we see you sitting in the doorway with the hungry children? When we tell others to pull themselves up, have we forgotten how many people reached out their hands to us along the way?

Forgive us, God who offers mercy to us, and desires that we share grace with others. If we would truly follow, we must be willing to take off our Sunday best and put on the aprons of service, offering everyone we meet the bread of life and cup of hope which have come to us through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Here is the good news: it is not up to us. God has not wavered in keeping the covenant of grace, of hope, of mercy, of life.

By God's grace, we are forgiven;

by God's healing, we are made whole;

by God's constant love, we are restored to life.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Song

Goodbye Yesterday

Youth Message

First Reading: Hosea 5:15-6:6

I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:

6 "Come, let us return to the LORD,
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

² After two days he will revive us;

on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

³ Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.

⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**All: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a

woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

P: The Gospel of our Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Song

Nobody

Prayers of Intercession:

A: Lord, in your mercy... **C: Hear our Prayer**

Offering

Trust In You, solo by Claribel

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray:

We could not do it on our own – stepping out in faith, embarking on journeys to unknown places, trusting in you above everything else. So, bless us with your gifts as we continue to follow you, seeking the lonely, helping the broken, and bringing hope to our world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Thom Shumann, lectionary liturgies

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Holy Communion

Communion Music:

New Wine

Benediction

Go now into the world with the courage of those who have met the Master.
may the peace of Christ, which brings life out of death, go before you;
may you walk with the faith that reaches out to others; and
may you know the hope that sustains and encourages you.
Go in peace, restored and renewed, to love and serve the Lord.

And may the blessing of God Almighty – Father, Son and Holy Spirit –
be with you, and those whom you love,
now and forevermore. **Amen**

Song

10,000 Reasons

Dismissal: A: Go in peace, serve the Lord, C: **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Communion is served each Sunday. All are welcome to commune.

Allergy alert: please keep our sanctuary nut free

St. Paul's phone number: 810-724-1200

Website: <https://httpswwwstpaulslutheranic.org/>

Congratulations to our graduates:

Nichole Nash: Graduated Suma Cum Laude from Rochester Christian University with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Studies.

Summer Camp: It's that time of year again! LWM Summer Camp at Stony Lake is happening June 21–26! We are so excited for another amazing week filled with summer fun, friendships, worship, and growing closer to God. We hope all of our kids are excited and ready to fill their cups with the Holy Spirit while making unforgettable memories together! Please keep our campers, leaders, and volunteers in your prayers as they prepare for an incredible week at camp!

Allergy alert: Please remember to keep our sanctuary nut free.

Food for Families: Is in need of workers, please let us know if you are interested in ministering this way.

Donations needed Drinks: 20oz Zero Sugar Powerade or Gatorade

Food: Creamy Peanut butter and Instant Boxed Scalloped or Au Gratin Potatoes

OUR High School Students are INVITED



Minneapolis, Minnesota ~ JUNE 28 – JULY 2, 2027

Please let Kaylee know if you are interested in attending. More info is coming soon!
Deposits to attend will be due October 2026 – Fundraising Available!!



CAR WASH FUNDRAISER!

HELP SEND OUR YOUTH TO THE
2027 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST | **10:00 AM - 1:00 PM** | **200 N. CEDAR STREET IMLAY CITY, MI**

WE WASH! CARS | SUVs | TRUCKS | VANS

DONATION ONLY! Give What You Can!

All proceeds help offset the cost for our high school youth to attend the
2027 ELCA National Youth Gathering.

Thank You for supporting our youth!

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5TH ANNUAL ST. PAUL'S! PICNIC

Sunday, July 12th
5pm -St. Paul's Pavilion

Join us for relaxed Worship,
Games, and Fellowship

Bring a chair, drinks, and a dish to pass!

Phone Number:
810-724-1200

Attendance

Sunday - Traditional: 54 Contemporary: 29

Food for Families – Monday- 53 meals 23 pantry, Wednesday- 46 meals 19 pantry

Worship Leaders:

Lector: Rachel Case

Ushers: Jeremy & Jamie Chandler

Communion Assistant: Autumn Case

Acolytes: Joslyn Chandler

Praise Team: Spike Vires, Rachel Case, Nichole Nash, Claribel Thompson, Caleb Tietz, Payton Day.

Youth Minister: Kaylee Kaeding

Pastor: Rev. Sharon Smith



Donation QR

For Our Members

Members of our congregation who are ill, recovering from illness, awaiting surgery, results of tests or guidance after recent medical diagnoses, and those who are not able to worship in person at this time because of health, travel, or other concerns

- Jim Carreras, currently hospitalized in Ann Arbor, requested 6/5/2026
- Rita Makedonsky is feeling well, please continue to pray for her to have strength and good health as she ages.
- Continued prayers of strength and healing for John Millar as he is fighting cancer and heart problems.
- Family of Fred Radelt, who passed away 4/14/2026
- Eileen Varner, medical issues. Requested 3/17/2026

For Church Members' Family and Friends

- Kay Chandler, mom of Jeremy Chandler. Health concerns. Requested 4/10/2025
- Mr. Charles- friend of Spike and Maryanne, going through cancer treatments. Requested 10/17/2025
- Jon Chase, friend of Rachel Case, medical issues. Requested 1/23/2025
- Cheyanne Cyr, niece of Diane Fahnestock, diagnosed with double breast cancer. Requested 10/2/2025
- Jessica Damico, longtime friend of Sarah Pietrzak, had a fall in 2022 was in a coma and

had multiple strokes. Still going through therapy trying to recover smell and taste as well as memory. 12/27/2025

- Deena Dotson, sister of Diane Fahnstock, suffering depression from the loss of her daughter, cannot get past her grief. Requested 04/16/2026
- Jared Ferret, friend of the Radelt family, life threatening issues with kidney port. Requested 11/12/2025
- Michael, needs prayers. Requested 5/13/2026
- Muntiha Gaizi, Aunt of Delia Martin, has stage 4 cancer. Requested 3/27/26
- Connie Grimes, family of Sandie Smith, hit by a truck. Requested 4/16/2026
- Emma Hagel, niece of Spike and Maryanne, born with Cerebral Palsy. Requested 10/17/2025
- Christopher & Angela Kern and family, son of Pat Kern. Having serious medical issues. 3/22/26
- Harper Nicholson is the granddaughter of Jim & Nancy Schiller; she has been living with Scleroderma, she is now in remission, praise the Lord! Updated 10/24/2025
- Kelly Paulsen, mom of Jamie Chandler. Knee replacement surgery. Requested 4/28/2026
- Marcia Pietrzak, mom of Rick Pietrzak, had a defibrillator put in, at home recovering. Requested 5/8/2026
- Gary Ratiu, Cyst on Bladder growing back, will need another surgery. Requested 3/2/2026
- Jessica Scott, daughter in law of Richard and Cathy Scott. Requested 5/29/2026
- Cameron Steed, lineman badly burned by a transformer. In hospital for treatment. Requested 04/16/2026
- Debbie Tanis, friend of Nancy Schiller, diagnosed with Leukemia. Updated 12/17/2025
- Don Taylor, dear friend of Rick Pietrzak who is in renal failure, and will be on dialysis for life, now having other health problems as well. Updated 12/17/2026
- Lily Wend, cousin of Sarah Pietrzak. Lily is a teenager who has been diagnosed with a series of rare diseases. They had to move to NY to get the care she needed and she is a month post spinal surgery. Lily lost her mobility in her upper body after her surgery. Requested 5/27/2026